

# American Stories, Multiple Perspectives

## Session One

Saturday, June 22, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Muhlenberg Brigade

*Light refreshments will be served.*

### ***Did people of African descent fight in the American Revolution?***

Come to Valley Forge National Historical Park to meet Edward "Ned" Hector as portrayed by historian Noah Lewis. Families will learn about Ned's role in the 3<sup>rd</sup> PA Artillery as a teamster who transported gunpowder and a bombardier who fired the canon. Ned is remembered as a hero at Brandywine.

*Meet at the canon at Muhlenberg Brigade to practice the artillery drill and participate in period song and dance.*



We are always striving at Valley Forge National Historical Park to help our visitors and our neighbors feel at home. We are pleased to offer the park as a venue for the many voices of our shared social history. This series of exploratory workshops features guest speakers, educators, historians, poets and performers who will inspire and invite participants to uncover hidden stories from our nation's foundation and showcase the contributions of our diverse contemporary communities. Thank you to our park partners who share the vision and the passion to honor the patriots of African descent and the many cultures of our country through historical and contemporary literature, and visual and performance art. Please join us on the journey!

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# Our Voices



## Many perspectives

### creating social history

*at Valley Forge National Historical Park*



*Patriots of African Descent Monument at  
Valley Forge National Historical Park*

## Session Two

Saturday, July 13, 2013

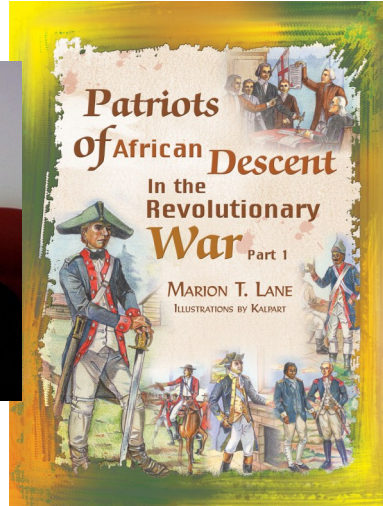
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Education Center

*Pizza and lemonade will be served.*

### Who was Phillis Wheatley and how did she get her name?

Storyteller Denise Valentine will portray African American poet Phillis Wheatley who published her first story at age 12 and was the first African American to publish a book of poems. Phillis arrived in America on a slave ship as a child and grew to become a highly educated and gifted writer, meeting with George Washington who praised her work. Learn to craft quick poetry forms that capture the legacy of historic personalities as well as the contributions of contemporary heroes.



## Session Three

Saturday, July 27, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Education Center

*Pizza and lemonade will be served.*

### What is it like to be an author who studies the stories of African Patriots?

Marion Lane, educator and author, is one of the few African American members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Society of Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. She researched family history to write *Patriots of African Descent in the Revolutionary War* and has more works in progress. Phil Richards, Once Upon A Nation storyteller for Historic Philadelphia, Inc., will present "Brave And Gallant Soldiers" about African American Soldiers at Valley Forge. Marion and Phil will inspire families to research, write and share stories about their ancestors.

## Session Four

Saturday, August 3, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Education Center

*Light refreshments will be served.*

### How is history explored and interpreted through dance and drum?

Mafalda Thomas-Bouzy is a teacher, storyteller, and cultural ambassador. She is the director, lead dancer and choreographer of "Kuumba" an Afro-American-Caribbean drum dance troupe. She has choreographed and performed in Canada, the Caribbean, France, Senegal, and the US. Mafalda's studies include dance and drumming in Mali and Senegal, folk dance in Brazil, dance research in St. Martin, and historical research in Trinidad & Tobago. She has worked extensively with cultural heritage organizations in Trinidad, Tobago, St. Martin and West Africa. Mafalda will help participants learn and preserve African history through rhythm and dance.

